

Board of Selectmen-Article 2 Report 2015 Town Meeting Citizens Article from 2015 ATM Article 45: Town-Wide Process for Safety



Article 45 – ATM 2015

TOWN-WIDE PROCESS FOR SAFETY

To see if Town Meeting will vote to recommend that the Selectmen make it a priority to develop a town-wide process to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists in a unified, efficient and speedy way; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

DESCRIPTION: This article requests a resolution encouraging the Town to make the process for citizens raising safety issues more simple.

Plan of Action

- Administrative Changes & Policy Adoption
- Committee Coordination
- Data Collection & Information Sharing
- Funding




Administrative Changes

October 2014 - Board of Selectmen dissolved the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC), replaced by a Town Manager appointed working group, the **Transportation Safety Group (TSG)**.

Department Staff	Liaisons
Planning	Bicycle Advisory Committee
Engineering	Transportation Advisory Committee
School	Safe Routes to School
Police	Commission on Disability

Submit Safety Issues

<http://www.lexingtonma.gov/transportation-safety-group/pages/transportation-safety-requests>



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
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Transportation Safety Requests

Traffic concerns that require immediate attention should be called in to the Dispatch Center at 781-862-1212 and a Police Officer will be dispatched as needed.

Also, transportation safety concerns may exist in your neighborhood such as crosswalks and signage that you wish to review. You may address these concerns in the following ways.

You may complete a [Transportation Safety Request Form](#) and submit it to:

Email: transpsafety@lexingtonma.gov

U.S. Mail: Lexington Police Dept, 1575 Mass Ave, Lexington MA 02420 Attn: Captain Michael McLean.

If you would prefer to discuss a transportation safety issue, please call Captain Michael McLean at 781-862-1212

The Police Department reviews all traffic concerns to assess safety issues and identify where consultation with staff from the Engineering, Planning or School Departments is needed. Discussing these issues in the Traffic Safety Group facilitates coordination among different departments.

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June 17th, 2014 – School Committee approved
Traffic Safety & Mitigation Policy

"The goal of the School Committee Traffic Safety and Mitigation Policy is to improve safety by affecting driver behavior and the quality of life for residents, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. In addition, it is to ensure that school traffic plans do not hinder quick response time for emergency service vehicles including fire trucks, police cars, ambulances, and large vehicles such as school buses and trucks used for providing essential municipal, school, and resident services."



Policy Adoption

March 7th, 2016 - Board of Selectmen adopted a Complete Streets Policy

"It is the intent of the Board of Selectmen to consider, as a matter of practice, the implementation of Complete Streets elements during the planning and design of capital projects so that they are safe for users of all ages and abilities. This policy guides decision-makers to consistently plan, design, and construct capital projects to accommodate all anticipated users."



Committee Coordination

- Board is continuing to explore the possibility of restructuring some existing transportation related committees.
- Town Manager and School Superintendent have begun discussions regarding appropriate location for Safe Routes to School Coordinator
- Bike Walk 'N Bus Week
- Continue Quarterly Transportation Forums
- Transportation Safety Group assigned to:
 - Administer New Sidewalk Request Process
 - Re-evaluate Lexington's Traffic Calming Policy
 - Support School Committee's Traffic Safety & Mitigation Policy

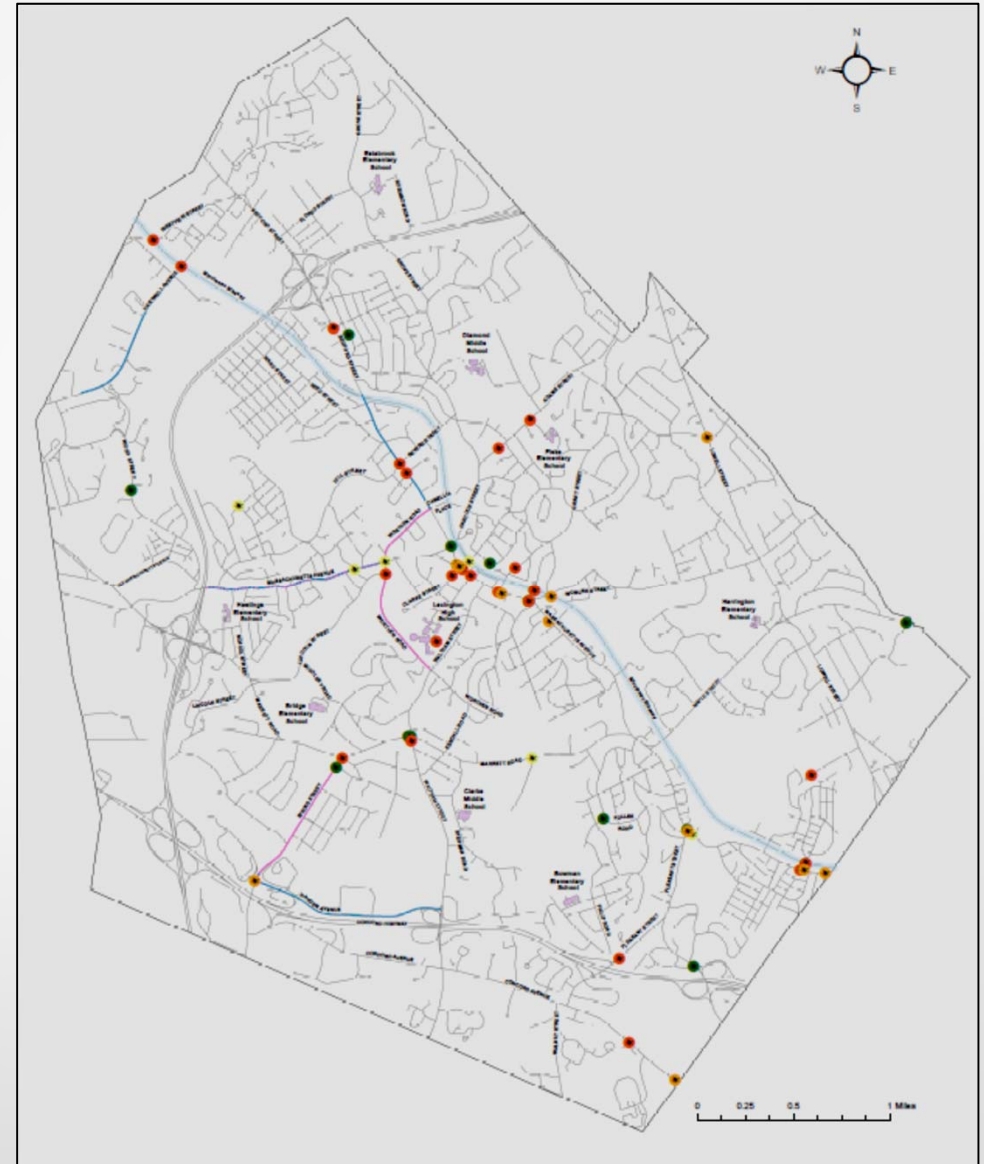
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GPS Location of Bike Racks




GPS Location of Bus Stops



Example of Bicycle & Pedestrian
Crash History Map

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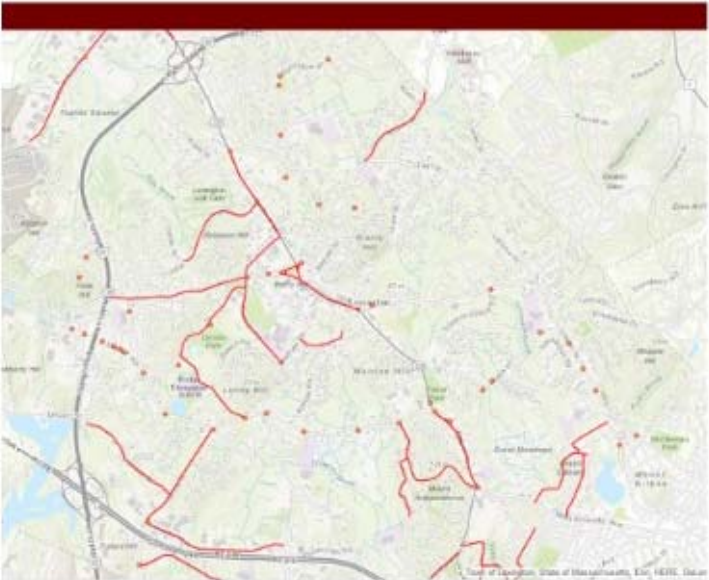
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Transportation Safety Improvement Map

The map below identifies recently completed as well as ongoing capital projects which include pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. Viewers can also identify the location of implemented safety requests submitted to the Transportation Safety Group as well as ongoing requests requiring further analysis.



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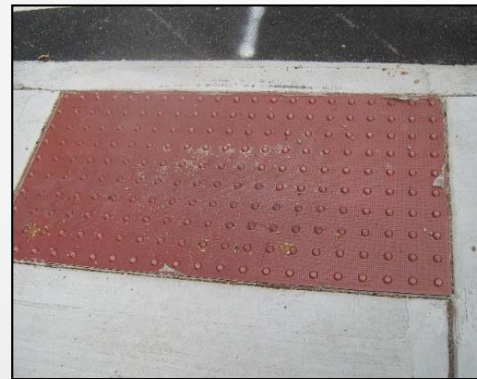
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Data Collection & Information Sharing

From 2010 -2015

- ~9.6 miles of existing sidewalk were repaired or reconstructed
- 22 handicap ramps installed
- ~.9 miles of new sidewalk constructed
- ~2 miles of on-street bike accommodations striped
- 7 signalized intersections were serviced & upgraded
- 2 new signalized intersections installed



Funding

Between FYs 2008 and 2011, Town Meeting provided capital funding for “traffic mitigation” distinct from other transportation initiatives. Funding was appropriated to:

Collect Data & Perform Analysis To Review Citizen Requests & Make Recommendations

Examples of Past Transportation Improvements

- Conducted a Town-wide Traffic Signal Inventory
- Installation of Crosswalk on Pleasant St near Worthen Rd East
- Installation of Crosswalk on Worthen Rd near Stop & Shop
- Implementation of Shade St Traffic Calming Measures
- Development of Survey Plans for Prospect Hill Rd
- Preliminary Traffic Analysis and Development of Concepts for Mass Ave & Worthen Rd Intersection